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RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005.

In view of the following representations, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the merits of the present application.

Initially, it is noted that claims 10-14 and 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner's indication of allowable claims is sincerely appreciated, however, as will be demonstrated below, Applicants are of the opinion that the rejected claims are also allowable over the prior art.